

## BASEBALL WILL CONTINUE SAME

Commission Issues a Statement Outlining Recent Court Decision.

Cincinnati, O., April 13.—(Baseball) will continue through the season under its present management and all contracts are regarded as valid according to a statement issued by the national baseball commission here Monday. The statement announces that the decision of Judge Stafford at Washington in the recent suit of the Baltimore Federal league club and the American and National leagues necessitates no modification of the system under which organized baseball is operating. It declares that business will proceed as usual and that all legal contracts must be lived up to by parties to them.

The statement says: "The decision made by Judge Stafford that organized baseball violated the prohibitions of the Sherman act, was not rendered in a suit by the United States to dissolve the combination. The decision, therefore, necessitates no modification of the system under which organized baseball is operating. Great investments depend upon its continuance. The government of the United States has not challenged it. On the contrary, when the attention of the department of justice was called to the system and the operation, the department decided that no reason was perceived for governmental interference."

## JIM DUFFY TO MEET HAYDEN

Plans Being Made for Enormous Crowd When the Welterweights Clash.

Columbus, N. M., April 13.—(Baseball) Jim Duffy, of Columbus, N. M., a battling welterweight, is expected to meet Babe Cabell, of the 24th U. S. infantry, erstwhile welter champion of the Mexican border, in the semi-final to the scheduled 20 round thriller on May 3 between Jimmy Duffy, Pacific coast boxer, and Speedball Hayden, of the 24th infantry, in the open air arena.

In Popular Way.

Columbus sport circles were agog with excitement Sunday when it became known that the local townboy, Duffy, was being considered for one of the big shows, and against such a well known boxer as Cabell. Fighting McDaniels, of the 24th, is anxious to meet the Columbus boy.

Pals battles around 145 pounds, and states challenges may reach him at Pochi Brothers, Columbus. Pals may not have the calcium record that other boys in this section have, but the fact remains that Pals is a Columbus boy, and wants to go on.

FINCHER IS BACK.

Pitcher Bill Fincher, formerly of the St. Louis Browns and turned over to the Little Rock team, is back here as a sergeant. He hopes to be out of service and ready for baseball before the regular season starts.

## Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'? - - - By Briggs



## Hitte Will Be First of Major League Conditioners to Return

By E. J. LANGRISH.

CHARLES HITTE, former trainer of the Cleveland Indians under both Joe Birmingham and Leo Fohl, will be the first of the conditioners who went overseas and mixed in the big scrap to return to this country.

Was a Soldier.

Hitte, under the name of Charles M. Stewart, was with the 24th Canadian reserves in the late great unpleasantness, being in F company and having as his serial number 1482932. He was a killer and since the reserves got back to Ripon, Yorkshire, he has been doing a lot of traveling, going to Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, Edinburgh and even Rhyl in North Wales.

Probably, Hitte is the most traveled man among anyone ever connected with the national pastime. There are few spots on the globe he hasn't touched at. This was Hitte's second war, for he was in the Boer uprising in China.

Hitte, in announcing the date of his return, made no mention of how he was wounded, but being an iron man probably a tank climbed over him.

Ball clubs have been having trouble now for about 18 years. Frank Seaver of the Boston was about the last manager to realize that it would be a good thing for a team to have a conditioner.

Out of Game.

Hitte hasn't been connected with baseball since 1917. He probably will continue his work as an instructor of boxing.

No. 1482932 was a fighter in Philadelphia when Ed Barrow, Red Sox manager, was a fight promoter there, Ed putting into the fight game after the Atlantic league, of which he was president, blew up.

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## STAR PLAYERS TO JOIN TEAMS

**Grover Alexander and Rabbit Maranville Return to the United States.**

New York, April 13.—Two of the best players of the National league returned to the United States Monday afternoon. They are Grover Alexander, pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, and Rabbit Maranville, shortstop of the Boston Braves. Alexander was a sergeant in the 34th field artillery.

He received an ovation from those on the pier who recognized him. He said as soon as he received his discharge he intended to go with his wife to St. Paul, Neb., to see his aged mother.

No Chance to Play.

"There was no opportunity abroad to get up a game," he said, "for the weather was bad, mostly rain all the time, and so I have had but little practice. I feel in fine shape."

Maranville, shortstop on the Boston Nationals, came into port with the Atlantic fleet. He was a coxswain on the flagship Pennsylvania, but received his discharge papers before leaving the ship. Soon after landing, he took a train for his home, in Springfield, Mass., where he will remain a few days before joining the Braves.

Maranville played on the flagship's baseball team, which won the championship of the fleet in the games at Guantanamo.

Mitchell Receives Word.

Manager Fred Mitchell of the Cubs, stated Monday that Alexander was due to return to this country on that day. He will shortly rejoin the National champions.

TEARNEY RESELECTED.

Chicago, Ill., April 13.—Albert R. Tearney has been reelected president of the Amateur Baseball Managers' league. It was announced today. This makes the 20th time the minor league veteran has been chosen for the position.

## SPORTOGRAPHY By "Gravy"

**JOE KELLEY'S Cincinnati Reds** trained at Jacksonville twice and at that time Miller Huggins was a private in the ranks. Now "Hug" is boss and Kelley is his lieutenant.

George Terhune, the little left hander of the squad of recruit pitchers working with the Giants, is a protegee of Helme Zimmerman, while Frank Nolan, the young backstop, was discovered by Benjie Kauff at Camp Sherman last summer.

**MEDICAL BALL PRACTICE.**

Part of the Red Sox' training session has been devoted to work with the medicine ball. The players form a huge circle and the ball is thrown around. This stunt lasts about 20 minutes every morning, and it is hard work. It is said that Charles Ebbets, owner of the club, has not taken part.

The French Olympic committee, according to reports received from France, has voted unanimously to abide by the resolution passed by that organization on November 22, 1918, in which it and its affiliated bodies decided that they would not take part in any Olympics in which the citizens of enemy nations would compete. The committee suggests that the Olympics should not be held before 1921.

**ANNIVERSARY OF MEMORABLE SHARKEY-CHOYNSKI BATTLE.**

It was 25 years ago, come tomorrow, that Tom Sharkey knocked out Joe Choyinski in the eighth round at San Francisco. Those who saw this contest will never forget it. Tom was a raw, rude "tar" just out of the navy, and with no reputation, while Choyinski was a finished and veteran boxer. The Hebrew had the advantage in height and reach, but the Irishman was the heavier of the two.

The sailors in San Francisco went back, line and slinker on Tom, while the wife sports covered every coat offered, confident that Joe could make a man out of the sailor. At first it looked as if they had a wise bunch.

Choyinski knocked Tom clear out of the ring, and the wife landed on top of a bunch of reporters. Everybody thought he was out, but Tom climbed back and resumed hostilities. A little later Choyinski again sent Tom through the ropes and he lit on the floor on his head. A little thing like that didn't affect Sharkey, except that it peeved him, and he immediately climbed into the ring again and started to rough it. Choyinski was utterly discouraged and fought on the defensive, but in the eighth round Sharkey landed a wallop that put him to sleep.

**ANNIVERSARY OF HISTORIC JACKSON-MENDOZA BOUT.**

John Jackson defeated Daniel Mendoza in nine rounds at Hornchurch, Eng., 124 years ago today, April 15, 1795. In this historic contest Mendoza, the Jewish "Star of the East," at last met his master, and the first Hebrew champion went down to defeat in a battle lasting only ten and a half minutes. Jackson was popularly known as "Gentleman" and held his championship title unchallenged for three years, when he retired in order to devote his entire time to his book and school. He numbered among his pupils Lord Byron and a host of other English notables.

England's notables never entered the ring after his easy triumph over Mendoza. The Hebrews in London were almost ruined by this bout, as they had wagered immense sums on Mendoza. It was the most scientific battle ever fought up to that time, as Jackson was an expert in pugilistic art and Mendoza was scarcely less proficient. The mill was attacked on the site at Hornchurch, famous for centuries as the scene of an annual wrestling contest.

**TODAY IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.**

1781.—Sam Belcher, who at 13 became

## Angels Sign Up Some New Ones

Los Angeles, Calif., April 13.—Manager Wade Kilgus of the Los Angeles baseball team of the Pacific Coast league announced Monday he had added two players to the roster, pitcher "Plum" Dault and catcher Charley Gorman. Dault had been playing semi-professional ball in Ray, Ark., where he has been engaged in practice as a civil engineer. He formerly pitched several years for Los Angeles and made an excellent showing. Gorman has had little professional experience but Kilgus considers him promising, he said.

**BACK TRAINS AT HOME.**

Connie Mack's Athletics reached their training grounds at Shibe park, Philadelphia, after a long and tedious trip on the trolley line that winds its tortuous way out there. Mack is delighted with the home weather which, he asserts, can't be beaten in Florida.

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